

Second Sunday of Easter

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9 am



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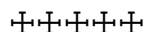
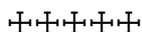
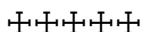
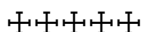
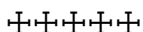
We welcome all guests this morning.
We are very pleased to have you worship with us!
All are welcome to receive communion.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 10:15.
Everyone is welcome! Grab some refreshments and join us!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Christ Arose

Lowry, Innes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of Almighty God, the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ELW 369

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore, our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." *The Word of the Lord... Thanks Be to God.*

PSALM 16 (Read Responsively)

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my god above all other." ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.** ³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.** ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.** ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.** ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.** ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *"The Word of the Lord... Thanks Be to God."*

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *please stand if able*

Adoring praises now we bring,
And with the heav'n-ly blessed sing:

ELW 367 vs. 4

"Christ has triumphed! Al-le-lu-ia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,

"All the glory, never ending!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. H. Lee Brumback II

HYMN

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

APOSTLES CREED

(inside back cover of hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Merciful God... **Receive Our Prayer**

PEACE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right....

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On the night in which he was betrayed ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

We practice “open communion” at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is “Amen.” Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.

COMMUNION HYMNS

I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us, and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN **Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

ELW 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Refrain

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fanfare and Statement on “Llanfair”

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